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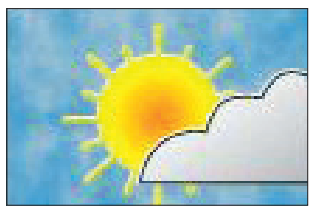


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Public hearing set on proposed county budget

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Howard County commissioners will hold a public hearing concerning the 2009-2010 budget during their Monday morning meeting, bringing the court one step closer to cinching its fiscal plan for the coming year.
Based on a tax rate of 55.8656 cents per \$100 valuation — up slightly from last year's 53.62 cents and well below this year's effective tax rate — the budget will include approximately \$1 million more than last year's fiscal plan, allowing commissioners to address some growing problems with-

in the county.
With the tax rate expected to be set Sept. 28, County Judge Mark Barr said the sudden drop in valuations since last tax season is due to the decline in mineral values.
"The difference between the tax rate last year and this year is the drop in mineral values, which has been dramatic," said Barr. "Any time your values go down, your tax rate goes up. I think everyone understands oil prices dropped significantly last year."
Barr said he feels comfortable the proposed budget will

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THEY'RE OFF!



Swimmers head into Comanche Trail Park Lake at the start of the Comanche Warrior Triathlon Saturday morning. Cool and wet conditions did not discourage a large field from entering the event, organizers said.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan



Boy Scout Troop 1 members Deigo Subia, Wade Alexander and Nando Subia lead a large crowd in the pledge of allegiance during a 9/11 memorial at the Big Spring Mall Friday night.

Herald Photo/Lyndel Moody

Tribute honors the many who have fallen to terrorism

By LYNDEL MOODY
Features Writer
A moving ceremony presented by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47 and the Big Spring Mall was held Friday as a tribute to the ci-

vilians and military personnel who died Sept. 11, 2009, during the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington D.C. — as well as to remember those who have since lost their lives in the war against terror.

ing soldiers as well as to stay committed to their medical and emotional needs. Meiser also told citizens it is their personal responsibility to uphold democracy and freedom.

In speaking to the estimated crowd of 100 at the mall, DAV Commander Ed Meiser remembered those who have lost their lives in the the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. He encouraged Americans to welcome and comfort return-

Following Meiser's speech, VAMC Chaplain Scott Jimenez, U.S. Marine Corp and U.S. Navy veteran, John Pilgrim, DAV Sr. Vice Commander and U.S. Marine Corp Vietnam veteran, and Gerald Harris honored seven men

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Homecoming Week

This is homecoming week in Big Spring and various activities and celebrations are planned. Among them:
Dress Up Days
Monday — Hat & Shades Day. "Steer Pride is too Bright"
Tuesday — Wacky Day. "Mustangs are wacky, be a Steer"
Wednesday — College Day. "Steers Have a Future"
Thursday — Aqua Day. "Drown the Mustangs"
Friday — Black & Gold Day. "Steer Pride"
Pep Rally: 2 p.m. Friday.
Parade: 4 p.m. Friday in front of the high school.
Ballgame: 7:30 p.m. Friday vs. Andrews at Memorial Stadium.

'Moving On' concert series about to begin

By BILL McCLELLAN
New Editor

Called "Moving On," the Big Spring Symphony is taking advantage of its nomad status this year, following the closing of the Municipal Auditorium.
Conductor and Music Director Dr. Keith Graumann says the season's theme might be better called "Moving Around." Regardless, the symphony association is making the most of the situation by performing in several venues, including the Big Spring High School Auditorium, Trinity Baptist Church and Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
"The four-concert series promises to include something for everyone, from classic favorites and seasonal music to 1970s and '80s popular music," said Graumann.

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—Dr. Keith Graumann, symphony conductor, director

son, "Classical Music in the Movies," will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in the high school auditorium.

"We have invited our longtime friend of the Big Spring Symphony, Maestro John Giordana, to again conduct

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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WRAPUP

Steers roll on

Take wild 55-41 road win over Pampa's Harvesters

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

PAMPA -- Contents explosive. That phrase probably should have been painted on Harvester Field in Pampa before Friday night.

The Big Spring Steers improved to 3-0 on the season, but were forced to get involved in a shootout with the Pampa Harvesters (0-3) in order to remain undefeated. The Steers came out on top, 55-41, in a game featuring 947 total yards of offense.

"We didn't play very well defensively, and Pampa has a good offensive team," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "They can throw the ball and they ran it well tonight. I thought we might be in trouble before the game tonight. Our focus wasn't where it needed to be. That's all on me and we'll get that fixed. We need to see Pampa's offense. There's a lot we can teach from this game."

Fortunately, the Steers had the best gunslinger on the field Friday as senior quarterback Tyler Tannehill posted career numbers. Once the dust had settled, Tannehill finished with 395 yards and seven touchdowns on 16-of-25 passing.

Matt Ritchey was on the receiving end of 150 of those yards on five catches, including two touchdowns of 40 and 81 yards, respectively.

Martin Yanez also caught two touchdown passes from 12 and 64 yards out, finishing the night with 86 yards on

three receptions.

"Tyler threw the ball well. We knew what he was capable of," said Coach Ritchey. "We had some success running the ball early and Pampa really started to commit to stopping it. That left them open to some deep passes. We made the plays we had to."

Monte Anderson has broken the century mark rushing the ball in every Steers game so far this season, carrying for 121 yards on 17 attempts. Anderson also had a 78-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the second quarter. That was the only Steers score that didn't come through the passing game.

The Steers struck first as Tannehill found Matt Ritchey streaking all alone on a corner route at the Pampa 20. Ritchey then followed the block of teammate Tevian Parnell before bulldozing his way through the final five yards to the end zone.

Pampa answered with an 8-play, 66-yard drive that ended with an 8-yard touchdown pass from Alex Clendening to Garrett Ericson. The Steers secondary had a miscommunication with its coverage scheme, allowing Ericson to be all alone in the back corner of the end zone.

The lack of communication in the Steers defensive backfield plagued them throughout the night and led to a big game for Clendening, who finished with 315 yards and four touchdowns on 25-of-41 passing. He also

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring quarterback Tyler Tannehill throws one of his 16 completions enroute to 395 yards passing and seven touchdowns in the Steers' win over Pampa.

Buffs take 6-0 win over Hornets

Herald Staff Report

MERTZON - A win is a win, no matter how pretty it may or may not be.

The Forsan Buffaloes picked up their first win of the 2009 football season Friday, defeating Irion County (0-3), 6-0.

The only score of the game came with 7:20 to play in the final quarter, when Jake Rhotan found Patrick Robles from 16 yards out for a touchdown.

That's all the points the Buffs would need.

"It was an ugly win, but it counts all the same," said Head Coach Jason Phillips. "We needed this win to get our confidence up and prove to ourselves that we can beat somebody. Hopefully, we can continue to build off of this now."

Forsan iced the game with one of its longest plays from scrimmage, when senior Ryan Flores broke off a 45-yard run late. Flores ended up leading the Buffs with 81 yards on 10 carries.

Aaron Valle had 79 yards rushing on 20 carries. It's the second game in a row Valle has posted that exact stat line.

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HERALD photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Aaron Valle picks up a few of the 79 yards he gained against Irion County. The Buffaloes took a 6-0 win and now prepare for their next game with McCamey.

Seagraves too much for 'Dogs

Special to the Herald

SEAGRAVES — For one half Friday night, Coahoma's Bulldogs proved to be better than Seagraves, but football games are played in two halves and the second half, particularly the third quarter, belonged to the Eagles en route to a 40-27 victory.

Todd Gibson rushed for a 3-yard touchdown and sandwiched a 7-yarder around Jirus Davis' 24-yard touchdown scamper to turn a 20-14 Bulldog lead at halftime into a 34-20 edge going into the final quarter.

The two teams swapped touchdowns in the final frame, allowing the Eagles to claim the victory.

Coahoma got on the scoreboard first, however, when Josh

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CROSSROADS SCOREBOARD WEEK 2

Big Spring
55
Pampa
41

Coahoma
27
Seagraves
40

Forsan
6
Irion Co.
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Stanton
20
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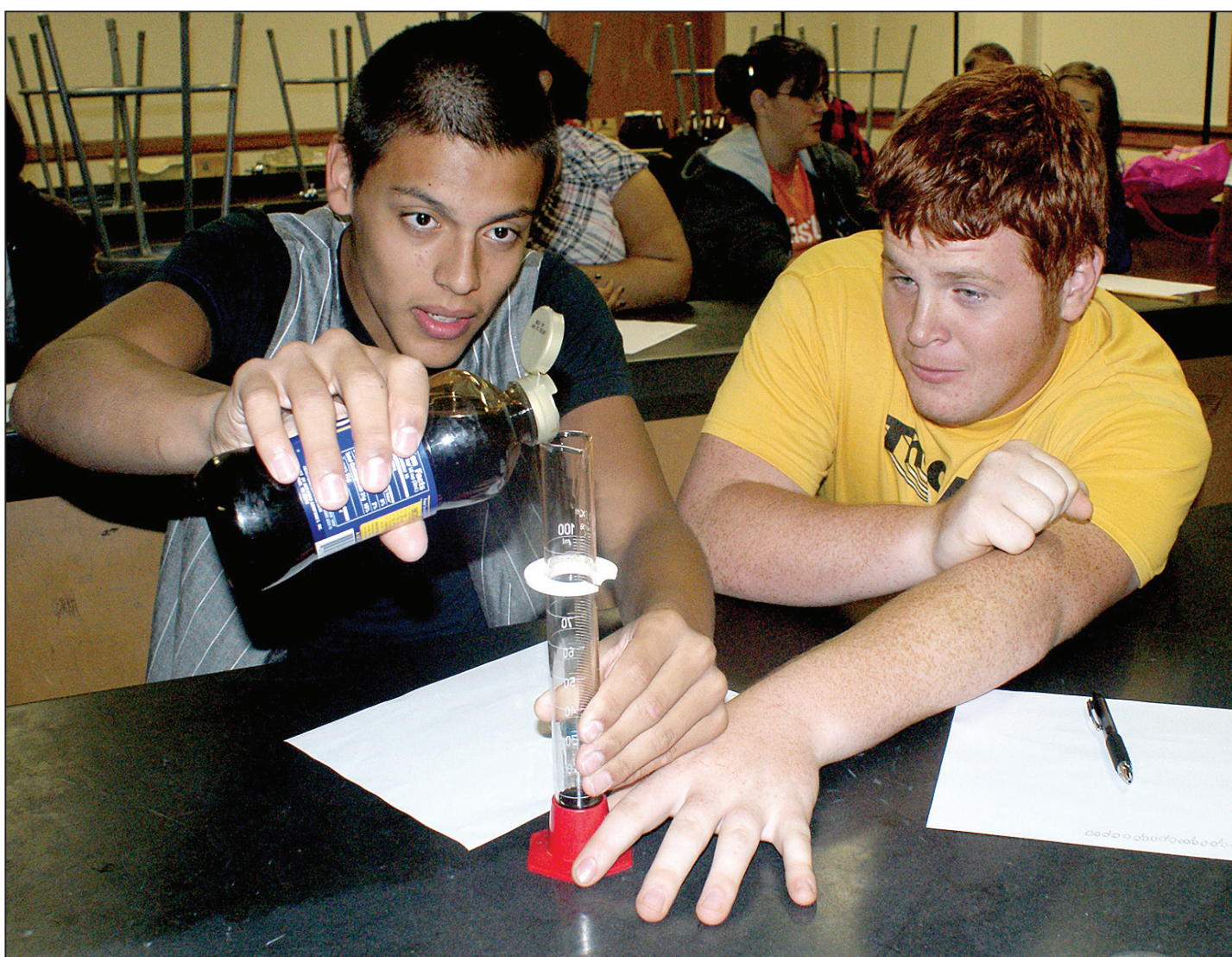


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Building a better science project

How a new class at Big Spring High School is sparking creativity among students in the lab

Story and photos by Hannah Weber



As the 2009-2010 school year begins, 13 Big Spring High School students have been given the opportunity to design and develop a science fair project in a newly created class.

The chemistry class, taught by Gary Newton, challenges students to come up with an idea for a science fair project. The students will spend the first semester researching, planning and testing their topics. They will then write a report and create a display about their projects.

During the second semester, the class will compete in the local science fair early next year. Winners will move on to the regional competition in Odessa.

The ultimate goal for the students is to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, to be held next year in San Jose, Calif.

Each Wednesday, Newton's science fair class will participate in labs in science teacher Dana Jones' classroom. These labs give the students a small taste of how to conduct their individual projects. They learn lab safety rules, how to follow procedures and how to create and test hypotheses.

This new class not only teaches students about science research; it also imparts important skills such as time management, organization, and public speaking.

Weber is a senior at Big Spring High School.



Clockwise, from top: Krystal Soto mixes ingredients in a beaker; Chanel Cuvliello makes a boat out of tinfoil to test its density; Shelby Sharp tests her finished boat; Victor Woodruff, left, and Jacob Wylie measure out syrup in a beaker.



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Obituaries

Charles E. Beil



Charles E. Beil, 74, of Big Spring, went to spend eternity with his Lord Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, after a courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sharon Wiese, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Charles was born Jan. 1, 1935, in Seminole, Okla., to Irwin D. and Winnie Cummings Beil, and was raised in Seminole. He joked that his birth date "is the reason everybody celebrates January 1st." He graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1957 and married Joan Sawyer three weeks later. He served as an army officer in the air defense missile unit in the Philadelphia area from 1957 to 1959. He returned to Oklahoma in 1959 and became employed by the Burroughs Corporation in direct sales of accounting machines and other office equipment. He accepted a transfer with Burroughs to Big Spring in January 1962. He loved and enjoyed Big Spring and his work and other activities here.

Charles became employed by the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Big Spring in 1966. He served as executive vice president, president and chairman of the board during 23 years of service. He was elected by the industry as a director of the Dallas branch of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, where he served as vice-chairman of the board. Charles also served as president of the Texas Savings and Loan League from 1985-1986.

He and Joan owned the Coronado Hills Apartments in Big Spring for 26 years. He also operated an exporting business and then a commercial real estate firm from 1990-1997.

Charles was very active in the Big Spring community. He served as president of the Big Spring Jaycees and helped establish the first Rattlesnake Roundup; served as vice-president and director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce; served six years as a member and president of the board of trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District; served three years as a member of the Big Spring City Council; served three years as a member and president of the Moore Board for Economic Development. He also served as a trustee and president of the United Way of Big Spring; was recognized as "Citizen of the Year" in Big Spring by the "National Association of Social Workers" with a proclamation signed by Mayor Wade Choate; served as president of the Big Spring Concert Series; helped established the fountain in Comanche Trail Lake with financial aid from community supporters; and helped in founding the Big Spring Area Community Foundation and served as president for five years and as a trustee for an additional three years.

Charles was a lifelong christian and had been an active member of First United Methodist Church in Big Spring since 1962. He served as chairman of the Administrative Board and other leadership roles of the First United Methodist Church, including Stewardship chairman, Missions chairman and member of the Finance and Trust committees. His commitment and dedication to the Lord was the strength of his life. He praised the Lord every day in personal devotional time for the blessings of his life.

Charles was a member of the Big Spring Rotary Club since being proposed by Past District Governor Elmo Wasson in 1966 and had perfect attendance since 1967. He received his 42 years of perfect attendance pin three weeks before his

death. Charles was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor and a member of the Bequest Society of the Rotary Foundation. He served in most director roles and on many committee assignments before being elected president for 1978-1979. He was chairman of the District Conference held in Big Spring in 1977 and was acknowledged as having recruited more members to the club than any other member. Charles served as the governor's representative in establishing Greater Big Spring Rotary Club in 1978 and helped in establishing the Colorado City Rotary Club in the early 1980s. He and his family have hosted three foreign exchange students. Charles received recognition from the Big Spring Rotary Club for "Outstanding Community Service" in 1979.

He was elected district governor for 1984-1985 and as governor he established five new clubs, increased district membership, produced the first and only newspaper for every member and held the district conference in Big Spring that still holds the record for attendance and participation. He was awarded the Presidential Citation for accomplishments by International President Carlos Canseco.

Charles served the district since being governor as extension chairman and established three new clubs in the district; as membership chairman; foundation chairman; PETS instructor; and as a representative on the Council on Legislation. He also served as Friendship Exchange chairman, organized exchanges with Rotarians in England, Sweden, Chile, South Africa and Canada; served as a Group Study Exchange team leader; took a team, including two members from Big Spring to Paraguay and Argentina in 1990; have been hosted by Rotary friends in numerous countries and have attended Rotary functions in many countries, including international conventions in Japan, Brazil, England, Korea, Germany, France, Mexico, Spain and Denmark. He attended the centennial convention for Rotary in Chicago in 2005 and has attended two conventions in Texas at Dallas and San Antonio. He received the honor of "most outstanding past governor in Zone 26" (the south central United States) for 2001-2002 while attending the convention in Barcelona, Spain. All the above accomplishments were commemorated at the Big Spring Rotary Club by a proclamation, read by Mayor Russ McEwen, stating that March 3, 2009, be established as "Charles Beil Day."

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Joan of Big Spring; three daughters, Beverly Newsom and husband, Dr. Gary Don of Austin, Brenda Payne and husband, Gary of Sugarland and Charlotte Wilhoit and husband, Jon of Marietta, Ga.; seven grandchildren, Brittanny Newsom of Santa Barbara, Calif., Brooke Newsom and Kelsey Payne, both of Austin, Katie Payne of Sugarland and Aaron Wilhoit, Blair Wilhoit and Ava Wilhoit all of Marietta, Ga.; and numerous cousins.

Charles dearly loved the Lord, his wife, his daughters, grandchildren and sons-in-law. He also had many friends whom he considered dear to his heart. He wishes family and friends a loving "so long" until he sees them in heaven. He wishes his beloved adopted community of Big Spring and his hometown of Seminole, Okla. best wishes for progress and prosperity.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1030, Big Spring 79721-1030, the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Drawer 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229 or to the ALS Foundation, Greater Houston Chapter, P. O. Box 271561, Houston 77277.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Mariano Gonzales Jr.



Mariano Gonzales Jr., 57, of Snyder, died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at the Hospice House of Odessa. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, at Myers & Smith Chapel in Big Spring with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born May 3, 1952, in Haskell to Ciprana and Mariano Gonzales Sr. He farmed in the Haskell and Munday area and then moved to Snyder 14 years ago. He worked at IGA Food Store and for Joe Ramey as a carpenter. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by one daughter, Berlinda Hernandez and her husband Juan of Snyder; four sons, Mike Prado of Midland, Gabriel Noyola and his wife Daphne of Stanton, Joey Noyola and his wife Sherri of Monahans, and David Noyola and his wife Lucy of Snyder; four brothers, Ernest Gonzales and his wife Neva of Munday, Joe Gonzales and his wife Ida of Snyder, Jesse Gonzales and his wife Stella of Knox City and David Gonzales and his wife Rosa of Haskell; two sisters, Angie Pena and her husband Angel of Haskell and Mary Deharo and her husband George of Munday; 16 grandchildren; 13 nieces and nephews, and five great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Noyola, and one brother, Oden Gonzales.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

James Robert Stuteville

James Robert "Jimmy" Stuteville, 59, of Westworth Village, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Memorial services were held at 3 p.m. Sept. 10, at University Christian Church Chapel.

Jimmy was born March 7, 1950, in Big Spring. He was a retired meat market owner and flea marketer. His mother, Martha Clark, preceded Jimmy in death.

Survivors include a son, Heath Stuteville; father, Pete Stuteville; sisters, Julia Gardner and Joyce Munday; brother Tony Stuteville; life partner Miguel Alonso; and close friend Becky Cook.

Take Note

• Robert Diaz is a lifelong Big Spring citizen and longtime city of Big Spring employee. Robert and Yvonne have four children and are raising four of their grandchildren. Robert has been on dialysis for about two years and is in need of a kidney transplant. Roberts's wife, Yvonne is a match and they have been able to start the process due to the kindness and generosity of friends, family and Big Spring citizens. They are still in need due to all the fees that they will incur from the transplant. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do that at Citizens Credit Union, account 932728.

All donations are appreciated.

• Marcy House will be hosting the first Dementia Support Group meeting Sept. 29. Kim York, RN, will be presenting a presentation on the different types of dementia and its progression. Brenda Hamm, a licensed social-worker, will be on hand to help with and support that may be needed by the patient or the family. Refreshments will be served. Marcy House is located at 2301 Wasson Rd. in Big Spring. For more information, call 268-9041.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- LOUIS SILVA, 21, 1210 Lindbergh, was arrested on two local warrants.
- JOHN SOLIZ, 34, 807 S. Johnson, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ADAM GARCIA, 38, Kingsland, was arrested on four local warrants.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of Craigmont.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 600 block of Caylor.
- POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG was reported in the 600 block of Sixth.
- THEFT was reported in the 3300 block of FM 700.

Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery: 16-27-48-49-54; Mega Ball: 2.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-8-19-26. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-1-9-9. Sum It Up: 28.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-0-8. Sum It Up: 10.

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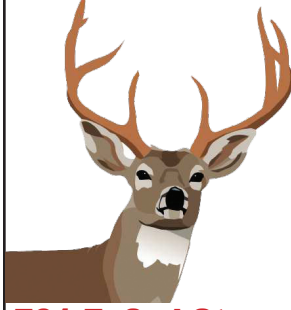
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Weddings

Edwards and Reed

Shawn Edwards of Lamesa and T'Auna Reed of Lubbock were united in marriage July 7, 2009, at Smather's Beach in Key West, Fla.

Edwards is the son of Roy and Betty Edwards of Lamesa. He is the grandson of Glen and Charlene Tyson, also of Lamesa.

The groom graduated from Lamesa High School and from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin with a BA certification in political science and secondary teaching. He is employed by Midland Independent School District as transition coordinator.

Reed is the daughter of Billy and Sherry Reed of Monahans. Her grandparents are A.D. and Mary Reed of Ackerly.

The bride graduated from Sands High School in Ackerly, Lubbock Christian University and with a degree in nursing from the Cove-



nant School of Nursing. She is a registered nurse at Covenant Medical Center.

The couple live in Lamesa.

They were honored with a reception at the home of the groom's aunt and uncle, Sheree and Joe Longoria, in an afternoon backyard barbecue.

On Aug. 8, the couple received a wedding

shower in the home of Diana Hill with hostesses Myrna Woodrum, Joyce Laurens, Brandi Delong, Eleene Fleniken, Sherry Telchik, Chris Foster, Pam Cummings, Hailey White, Teresa Gaskins, Peggy Webb, Patsy Fryar, Kay Wells, Louis Newberry, Kathleen Emfinger, Carla Blagrove, Neil Wood, Diana Hill and Jan Maxwell.

Local girl named All-American Scholar

Teodora R. Arguello of Big Spring has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects its scholars upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and

other qualified sponsors. Teodora, who attends Big Spring Junior High, was nominated for the honor by Patsy Sanchez. Teodora's name will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

She is the daughter of Noe and Adela Arguello of Big Spring and is the granddaughter of Johnny Arguello of Big

Spring and Irma Galindo of Irving and Canuto and Teodora Ramirez of Big Spring.

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Ackerly/Sands exes get together

Dorothy (Baker) Rogers

elected Coming Home Queen

Dorothy (Baker) Rogers was elected Coming Home Queen when the Ackerly/Sands exes met for their 2009 reunion during homecoming week.

The exes convened in the "new" Sands High School auditorium Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009, in Ackerly.

Dorothy is an ex-student of Ackerly/Sands School, having graduated with the Ackerly Class of 1955.

She has been very active in homecomings since her graduation. She received her crown from Sissy

(Smith) Jones, Coming Home Queen of 2006-2009. Sissy is a graduate of the Sands Class of 1961.

Gibby Ingram, Ackerly Class 1959, was master of ceremonies. The invocation was given by a former Ackerly resident, the Rev. Derrick Looney. Don Gibson, Ackerly Class of 1959, led the pledge of allegiance. Alvin Wayne Cates, Ackerly Class of 1956, led the national anthem, the Ackerly School Song and the Sands School Song.

Fifteen military veterans were acknowledged and presented a flag tie-tack pin. Ray Flowers from the

Ackerly Class 1940 was present. Mr. Flowers served in the Navy during World War II and was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time that it was bombed.

Alvin and Margaret Cates, both from the Ackerly Class of 1956, served as co-presidents and were re-elected to serve a second term.

• Traveling the most miles for the reunion was David Bearden from Houston area.

• Dayle Rasberry, from the Ackerly Class of 1934, was named the oldest male.

• Evlyn (Archer) Coker from the Ackerly Class of 1932 was named oldest woman in attendance.

• The family with the most in attendance was the George and Bonnie Rhea Family.

• The Ackerly Class of 1959 took the honors as having the most in attendance at the reunion.

• The youngest graduate attending was David Bearden from the Sands Class of 1961.

Alvin Cates, David Bearden and Rocky Grigg starred in the production of the "Athletic Race" with the participants being former Ackerly/Sands star basketball players. Those participating were Wanda Sue (Coleman) Austin, Janice (Bearden) Walton, Sandra (Adams) Talkington, and Winnie (Taylor) Looney; all were winners.

The program also included a skit titled "Dedication of the Enlargement Machine" which was performed by G.S. and Janie (Kunkle) Ingram. The



Photo by Sissy Jones

Dorothy (Baker) Rogers was elected Coming Home Queen during the Ackerly Sands 2009 Reunion.

Consolidated Independent School District was incorporated in 1925. Sands

District was incorporated in 1959. The latter date is when Ackerly and Knott schools consolidated.

The benediction was given by R.D. (Royale) Lewis from the Class of 1959. Dorothy (Williams) Harry, Shirley (Williams) Kountz, Van Kountz and Don Gibson provided musical entertainment during the meal and served in the school cafeteria by the Sands Junior Class.

Approximately 100 people attended the reunion.

Alvin and Margaret Cates did a wonderful job in planning, organizing and notifying all the ex-students. All ex-students would like to thank them for the many hours spent preparing for this special day along with those who helped on the Homecoming Committee and Sands Principal Zelda (Bodine) Bilbo and Superintendent Wayne Blount for providing the wonderful facility.

The next reunion will be held in conjunction with the Sands Homecoming 2012.

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► Anniversary

Zant 60th anniversary

On a crystal clear fall evening Sept. 15, 1949, Dudley Zant and Romonia Jeneane (June) Gill, both of Vealmoor, went to their preacher's house in Ackerly to be married. Minister Doyle Kelsey performed the informal ceremony with good friends Hallie and Joe Gillespie looking on.

As they passed the Vealmoor store, friends were reported to have said, "Reckon they know what they are doing?" It appears after 60 years they probably did.

After a brief wedding trip to parts of New Mexico they moved to "the old Jimmy Clay place" near Vealmoor. For the next 20 years they lived and farmed near Vealmoor, Ackerly, Smyer and New Home. In 1970 they moved east to Paris, Texas, where they currently reside. Dudley continued to farm and ranch while June worked for Campbell Soup, retiring in 1997.

Dudley is the third of seven boys born to H.N. and Zona Zant.



June is the fourth of six children born to Eddie E. and Hattie Gill.

Their union was blessed with four children, Rick and wife Lynda Zant, Craig Zant, Pam Fry and husband Michael, and Barbara Jeneane Zant, all of the Paris area. They have 13 grandchildren scattered across Texas and Iowa. They also have a host

of great-grandchildren.

They are members of the College Church of Christ and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

A family celebration will be held in Paris Sept. 19, 2009.

If you would like to send them a card it can be mailed to 1845 Hwy. 24, Paris 75462.

► Births

Senior Center

Monday: Stew, tossed salad and dressing, corn-bread, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday: Herb chicken, mashed potatoes, savory spinach, banana pudding, rolls, milk.

Wednesday: Cheese enchiladas with sauce, Spanish rice, tossed salad with dressing, tortilla chips, salsa, fruit gelatin, milk.

Thursday: Barbecue beef, baked beans, squash, relish plate, chocolate brownie, Texas toast, milk.

Friday: Baked pork chops with apples, baked potato with cheese, cabbage, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, fruit, milk.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast- Pancakes; Lunch- Barbecue on a bun or tuna sandwich, baked chips, vegetarian beans, vegetable sticks, apple, milk, Ranch dressing.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Oatmeal; Lunch- Spaghetti or Salisbury steak, green beans, garden salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, milk, Ranch dressing.

Wednesday: Breakfast- Biscuit, sausage and gravy; Lunch- Pizza or chef salad, peas and carrots, garden salad, pears, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast- Pop Tart; Lunch- Beef/bean chalupa or soft burrito, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple, milk, cheese and salsa.

Friday: Breakfast- Breakfast burrito; Lunch- Hamburger or cheesburger, french fries, hamburger salad, orange, milk, mustard or mayo, catsup.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast- Ce-

real variety, sausage patty, fruit juice, milk; Lunch- Chicken friend steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, sliced apples, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Biscuits, chicken nuggets, fruit cup, milk; Lunch- Nachos with beef, Ranch beans, lettuce and tomato salad, peaches, salsa, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast- Baked cheese sticks, fruit juice, milk; Lunch- Char meatballs, mashed potatoes, pears, green peas, rolls, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast- Pancake sausage on a stick, fruit cup, milk; Lunch- Cheeseburger calzaone, broccoli, mandarin oranges, milk.

Friday: Breakfast- Cinnamon roll, fruit juice, milk; Lunch- Sausage pizza, corn on the cob, apricots, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast- Pancakes sausage on a stick, syrup, grape juice, milk; Lunch- Chicken spaghetti, peas, peaches, sliced bread, milk, grilled cheese.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Pop Tarts, sausage, orange juice, milk; Lunch- Home-made burritos, potato salad, mixed fruit, milk, corn dogs.

Wednesday: Breakfast- Waffles, sausage, syrup, apple juice, milk; Lunch- Chicken paty, gravy, mashed potatoes, bread, pears, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast- Donuts, sausage, applesauce, milk; Lunch- Meat/bean chalupa, Spanish rice, salad, oranges, milk, burritos.

Friday: Breakfast- French toast, sausage links, juice, milk; Lunch- Pizza, salad, apples, milk.

► Reaching Out

Free legal aid available

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630

or 432-686-0647.

Foster families needed

Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Big Spring girl takes part in National Young Scholars

Hope Arguello of Big Spring took part in the National Young Scholars Program at Schreiner University in Kerrville Aug. 9-14.



Hope is the daughter of Noe and Adela Arguello of Big Spring and is the granddaughter of Johnny Arguello of Big Spring and Irma Galindo of Irving and Canuto and Teodora Ramirez of Big Spring.

The NYS program provides students the opportunity to engage in hands-on, interactive learning while challenging them in an intellectually stimulating environment outside of the regular

classroom. The program is designed to inspire outstanding second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students to explore, invent, learn and think creatively. Hope is a fourth grader at Bauer Elementary School.

As part of her interests, Hope also studied forensics as part of her chosen "Discovery Strand," CSI (Crime Scene Investigation): The Amazing Science of Detection.

She was nominated for the NYSP by Megan Ward.

Sponsors included Frank and Rita Ornelas, Cathy Lester, Charles Yates, Marie Wilhite, Bill and Sherry Fryrear, Alicia Ramirez, and Dr. John E. and Judy Stout.

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Supper Club, "KC Steakhouse", 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16** - Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Ben E. Keith Food Show - Abilene, 10:00 a.m.
NO MOVIE
- Sept. 17** - Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Just Peachy Café "Coffee Club," 10 a.m.
\$3.50 Thursday's "BBQ Brisket"
Bunko, 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 18** - POT LUCK & BINGO, 11:30-2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21** - Games, 1-4 p.m.
- Sept. 22** - Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Supper Club "Brenda's BBQ", 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23** - Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
"Cordon Blu"
Movie 1:00 p.m. "Sahara"
- Sept. 24** - Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Coffee @ "Just Peachy's", 10 a.m.
\$3.50 Thursday's "Turkey"
- Sept. 25** - MEET TO EAT & GREET
"Just Peachy's", 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 28** - Hobbs Casino & Horse Racing, 9:00-??
- Sept. 29** - Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Supper Club, "Cowboy's", 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30** - Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
LUNCH-N-LEARN 11:30-Room 414
Movie 1:00 p.m. "National Treasure"

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September 13

9 A. M. Bible Class **TRUTH: The Love of it**
(we'll talk about the fact that some do not care for truth)

10 A.M. Sermon **TRUTH: The Reality of it**
(this will discuss the idea of the existence of absolute truth)

5 P.M. Sermon **TRUTH: The Importance of it**
(we'll discuss the difference between truth, opinion & error)

September 14

7 P.M. Sermon **TRUTH: The Possession of it**
(this will be about interpreting Scripture)

September 15

7 P.M. Sermon **TRUTH: The Cost of it**
(this will center on the need to be genuine truth seekers)

September 16

7 P.M. Sermon **TRUTH: The Grasp of it**
(this will show how people gradually let go of truth)

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Business savvy

Seminar to help employers gain knowledge

Herald Staff Report

"Is Your Business Ready for the Future?" is the theme of a seminar to be presented Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

At 8:20 a.m., Andres Alcantar, commissioner representing the public for the Texas Work-

force Commission, will speak on "Workforce Development and Regional Collaboration."

From 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Willie Taylor, Permian Basin Workforce Development Board CEO, will discuss "Labor Information Critical Workforce Issues Facing the Permian Basin" and "Training in Demand Occupations: The

Working Structure of the Workforce Solutions Center."

Following a morning break, James Heuman, assistant director of UTPB-SBDC and Beatriz Merion, counselor, will speak on "Marketing With Emphasis on Social Networks and the Inter-

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Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland office.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.



The bull market just keeps chugging along and has most folks scratching their heads and feeling left out. We are often asked how the S&P 500 has been able to climb 56 percent from its March 9 low in our troubled world and unclear economic outlook for 2010 and not sell off big time. Of course, these are usually the folks who did not buy stocks at lower levels and are hoping for another chance to buy comfortably. Unfortunately for those sitting on the sidelines holding all their cash, the stock market equals the game of golf, and also equals life in general.

In both golf and life, it is usually critical to analyze the facts and then stop thinking and avoid paralysis by analysis. A good golfer decides what he or she wants to achieve, addresses the ball, and then takes the club back and lets it go with as little thought as possible.

All of us face difficult decisions in our lives which then must be adjusted if reality is different than we had anticipated. The stock market is like golf, except it isn't a game, and is like life because many things are out of our control. The strength shown by the stock market has surprised most investors. This is not unusual as the market glories in befuddling the majority in both up and down market cycles. It is difficult to change our minds and adjust our investment opinion or our golf swing to some new reality, but we must to be successful at either endeavor. Yes, that's also the nature of life. The stock market has been able to rally dramatically and correct itself in a very benign fashion because it senses a better economy and much less troubled waters ahead.

The economic news last week continued to show that the economy is transitioning from a deep recession to a recovery. July new-home sales increased 9.6 percent following a 9.1 percent increase in June, and durable goods orders jumped 4.9 percent. And, most critical, the Conference Board's August Consumer Confidence index increased to 54.1 from 47.4 in July.

The big deal in the stock market today is the tug of war between the realistic bulls and the frustrated bears. The bulls believe a better economy and still positive supply/demand ratio for stock is stronger than the risk that a 56 percent rally has created. We believe the bulls still have it right about the reality of the stock market, a "go with the flow" attitude about life and the benefits of a smooth, unemotional golf swing.

On the commodity front, natural gas pricing has totally broken apart. It is almost impossible to prove that this fall is more than a simple supply/demand issue, but we feel it must be. The usual suspects are there, weakness in the Asian stock markets, reduced lending in China and a stronger dollar, but for our money, we continue to watch the actions of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Last week, the heads of the SEC and Commodity Futures Trading Commission agreed to sharpen margin requirements, insider trading rules and approval for financial instruments to fight manipulation in the derivatives market. The agencies will seek to close the gaps in oversight, eliminate duplicative rules that allow for "regulatory arbitrage" and bring consistency to the supervision of similar products, firms and markets. Don't misunderstand, we feel these are all great things, but be warned, when "speculator" monies are driven from any market to safer ground, it only makes sense that prices will fall in the abandoned market.

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GOATS AND KIDS:

A 4-H volunteer's passion

Special to the Herald

As the saying goes, "Everything is bigger in Texas," and one thing is certain, for 4-H volunteer Shawn Colvert, nothing is bigger than his passion for helping youth.

For 15 years Colvert has been a dedicated 4-H volunteer. Living in Sterling City with his wife of 29 years, Laurie, Shawn's family interest began when Colvert's son, Shelby, now 22, exhibited market goats when he was a 4-H member.

That joy evolved into a lifetime commitment to the 4-H program. Colvert is involved in the 4-H Livestock Mentor Program, specializing in market goats. "The program consists of adults who are registered 4-H volunteers and have a clear interest in helping youth and families with their livestock projects," Colvert explained.

4-H volunteers from across the



Lone Star state are expected to participated in the Texas 4-H Goat and Sheep Mentor Training in August at the Tom Green 4-H Building at the San Angelo Research and Extension Center in San Angelo. The three-day pro-

4-H kickoff

A 4-H "kickoff" event is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Howard County Fair Barns.

Youth between the ages of 9 (or 8 and in the third grade) to 18 are invited. Current 4-H members will demonstrate projects. There will be an opportunity to win prizes and there will be food and activities. For more information, call the Howard County Extension Office at 264-2236 for more information.

gram provided leaders with resources from which to build and support families in their counties new to the goat and sheep project.

It was this same support that motivated Shawn to become involved in the 4-H goat mentor program. Shawn was influenced

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Marcie Lykken was presented a certificate as ACS Volunteer of the Year by Amy Carnes, Community Manager - Health Initiatives for the High Plains Division of American Cancer Society, at the September meeting of the Big Spring ACS Board.

Courtesy photo

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service to offer food manager certification training course

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During a past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you

have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Howard County, is offering a food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$110 Oct. 21-22 at the Howard County Library basement, 500 S. Main in Big Spring. Cost includes training, materials and the state food manager certification examination. Registration deadline is Oct. 7.

This program is designed to not only prepare food service managers to pass the certifica-

tion examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and lawsuits due to foodborne

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KANDY K. McWHORTER

LETTERS

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home. I wish someone would have said those words to me when I was in school.

Who knows, maybe the president of the United States at that time gave a similar speech to students at my school and, maybe my parent was too dysfunctional to send me to school to hear it. Maybe by that time it was already too late and I was playing hooky or had dropped out.

Still, I thought it was a good speech that may save some kids from dropping out if their parents had the good sense to send them to school to hear it that day.

CAROL SMITH
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

In regard to your editorial on President Obama's speech to our children or, in my case, grandchildren, I think you are wrong.

The White House says that he was going to encourage children to stay in school, but how do you know this?

When Presidents Reagan and Bush spoke to the children, there were no questions about how you can help your president. I'm sure that now that's what the speech will be about after people have raised questions about it.

Parents not only have a right to censor the material that their children get but a duty to do it. And since Jan. 20 of this year, people have come not to believe everything that comes out of the White House.

So, before you go jumping on the governor of Texas and the lawmakers from Oklahoma, make sure you know what was in his original speech. Remember that parents have a right to be concerned and not everybody trusts everything that President Obama says.

Stephanie L. Cannon
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

Though respectfully, I'd like to state my total disagreement with your editorial of Sunday, Sept. 6.

A visit from the president is always such a privilege. All involved are always honored and delighted to see children greeting the president of these United States, reading a paragraph from a book and other school activities. What an honor for the kids, teachers, schools, parents!

However, most parents have a problem with Mr. Obama's broadcast, not because of partisanship, but with the fact that a personal brief visit to as many schools as he wants, individually, is very different from a long broadcast, which takes away important class time, to all schools in the U.S. and is equal to propaganda as in the times of Benito Mussolini and other dictators in the past. "Get the children and you have the country."

Mr. Obama is ignorant of the law, as well, since he should be aware of the rights of local governments and educational institutions as per reference below.

20 U.S.C. § 3403 (Pub.L. 96-88, Title I, § 103, Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 670)
United States Code Title 20. Education Chapter 48. Department of Education Subchapter I. General Provisions § 3403. Relationship with States.

Margarita Durand-Hollis
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

My husband and I were asked by

Pat Simmons to be block captains of our block on East 15th Street and we told her no. We're in our 70s and we have enough to do taking care of our own property, which we try to keep as nice as possible.

I feel if the shame tactics and the city can't enforce the people to clean up, all the talking in the world won't get these people to clean up.

Just because we said no doesn't mean we don't want our street to look nice, but there are a whole lot of worse streets than East 15th.

Maybe Mrs. Simmons needs to be talking to the people with the junkiest places herself.

Also, the house on East 15th (Vines) was owned by my husband's aunt, Roberta Gay. It was a beautiful house then and my wedding shower was held there in the '50s. His grandfather built the house in the early 1900s. It didn't go down hill until she sold it. We think it's really nice to see it's taken care of again. She'd be proud.

Shirley Gay
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

From what I have witnessed since moving here in 1995, the people don't have any say in what goes on in the city and county. They are going to do what they want, if you like it or not, like the Main Street islands.

We all voted to fix our streets and not put traffic hazards in them, and that is what these islands are.

Soon you will find out, I believe, whoever thought them up drank their bath water and got bubbles in the basin. They are a waste of tax money.

Also, I will wholeheartedly support the Concerned Citizens in their fight on taxes.

Donald Scheiber
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been reading several letters written lately to the editor regarding the cost to the city taxpayers of the renovations to the municipal golf course and a new clubhouse. I thought it might be interesting to those who write the letters and others, who may now know, that according to the city, there have been not costs of these projects to the taxpayers. Siemens Inc., an energy savings company, provided the money to the city to cover the upgrading of the mechanical systems to all city facilities, not just the golf course.

I spoke with Todd Darden with the city and he gave me this information. The city of Big Spring contracted with Siemens Building Technologies to assist the city in a detailed energy audit and to provide guaranteed savings for energy performing projects related to buildings, technology and infrastructure improvements by improving energy costs. Through the different performance solutions, along with not using any capital expenditures, each project would be completely funded within the existing operating budget. These programs were guaranteed to save the city money and insured through Siemens to be reimbursed for any shortfalls. The projected savings of approximately \$600,000 annually would be able to provide monies to implement improvements at the golf course.

Money was set aside from this savings that Siemens provided for the construction of a new golf club house, which was long overdue, as the old one was built in the early 1950s, I believe, and has been a sore spot for a long time. All houses or buildings have to be improved after 50 years of use.

I also speak for most of the golfers

who play at the muny, members and non-members alike. I am sure, that we have been so disappointed that the old club house was demolished when work was begun on the golf course itself and before specifications for a new club house were finalized. Because now, for two summers, golfers have not had a club house at all.

A small storage building was put up with one bathroom in it and only a couple of people can enter it at a time to sign in and/or pay to play golf. Not having a nice club house to utilize for day-to-day use, as well as for holding tournaments, has really hurt the city in the way of maintaining golf memberships and obtaining new members, and the revenue from tournaments held.

Only one main tournament has been held each year for two years now because we have not had a club house. There is no place to conduct any type of golf business an only one bathroom to service everyone. There will be one built. Bids are going out again to new construction companies and we are hoping that this process will be speeded up this time and decisions made quickly, because the golfers really deserve a better dealt hand in all of this.

A plea is going out to whoever makes the final call on this to not delay any longer. This golf season is about over and we wish to have a new club house before, and not during, the next one.

On another note, the traffic on U.S. Highway 87 where Walmart is located is so dangerous now. I believe if drivers could not enter Walmart on Highway 87, only enter at the three entrances on Marcy Drive, that would certainly help. If drivers only exit at that location on Highway 87, there would not be so much confusion and not quite so dangerous.

Something needs to be done about incoming and outgoing traffic at the same entrances to Walmart. It is just too dangerous, and it was even before the work was being done. I don't understand the safety barrels on Highway 87 past Marcy Drive because they are not working on the road. Especially at night, cars coming from out of town experience a jolt when they see all of that and work is really not being done there.

Patsy Sharpnack
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently tried to find a forever home for a very friendly dog that I

acquired from a friend. I could not keep the dog myself because I had three dogs already and could not afford to feed another. I did not want to take it to the pound or the Humane Society because that is cruel, so I figured I would try to find it a good home.

I went through the necessary steps, such as placing an ad in the paper describing the dog. I had several calls and a few people come by my home to look at the dog. This one woman said she wanted the dog, so she took him that day. Well, on Sept. 8, I got a call from my friend (whose name was still on the dog's collar) and he told me that the dog was at the Humane Society.

So I called that facility and was told that the dog was found out by the highway by the Humane Society shelter. The woman also said that the dog had no food and was sitting there all night waiting to be picked up when she got there that morning for work.

How can someone be so cruel? The whole purpose of me giving the dog to this woman was because I thought that she would take care of him. I am so upset that this happened to that poor animal.

When you take on an animal like that, do not get rid of him because of something like barking or whatever his flaw. This wonderful animal could have gone to a person who would have loved it better, but instead, it was just mistreated.

To the woman that took the dog, I hope your conscience eats away at you for doing that. That animal could have gotten run over on the highway. I am just truly upset that people could be so cruel.

Meghann Metcalf
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

Same song, next verse, regarding high gas prices in Big Spring. We have just returned from a trip to Arkansas and Mississippi. We paid \$2.31 for gas in Texarkana, \$2.24 in Arkansas and Mississippi. We then paid \$2.21 in Denton when we stopped to visit our children.

We return to Big Spring and the lowest price we see is \$2.45! Today's wholesale average price for gas is \$1.80 per gallon. That leaves at least 65 cents markup for the jobber and the retailer.

Too much? You make the call. Still we say "Shop Big Spring

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Parson to Person: Looking back on the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001

During the past eight years that I have been writing Parson to Person, the most comments and feedback I have received came because of the following column. In honor and memory of all the heroes of 9-11 and to the greatest hero of all Jesus Christ. Here it is again. I have only changed parts of the column to reflect the proper time sequence.



DR. MATT PRICE

Of all the things that have changed in the last eight years since the terrible events in Washington and New York, I hope our standard for identifying a "hero" has risen above the mundane level that it was in the past.

My thoughts are especially with the people of the plane that went down in Pennsylvania. Reports tell us that

they knew what had happened with the other planes on the east coast. Families have come forth to tell of the last cell phone calls that were placed between those on the plane and their loved ones and there has even been a movie about it.

What was going through their minds? At what point did they decide they were not going to sit by and just die? Reports say the men of the plane took a vote and then went into action. They stormed a terrorist who had threatened them with a bomb.

By all accounts, these men knew that they were going to die. Whether by crashing into a building, like the other planes, and killing who knows how many other people or being blown to bits by the fanatics who said they had a bomb. The brave men faced a lose-lose situation. By their bravery, they turned a situation of

hopelessness into a rallying cry for the American people.

Who do you want to be like? Who are your heroes? One can't practice at being a hero. There are no self-help books that teach a multi-step program on heroism. Heroes are born when they are put in a situation where a choice has to be made.

That choice is whether to look out for yourself or to sacrifice yourself for something or someone else. Those men knew they were dead men walking. Their last act was to sacrifice themselves to save others that they had not met and who they did not know.

Those men did not know that morning when they boarded the plane that they would have to make that choice. While it was a day of voting in many cities throughout the nation, no one knew that the most important vote would take place thousands of feet in the air, in desperation, but with

a sense of determination.

If we have a mental picture of a hero, it shouldn't be one of someone or something dressed up in an outlandish costume or hidden face with a mask. The vision should be of ourselves. Those men and the women who most likely encouraged them were not soldiers, policemen or government employees. They had taken no oath that had to be lived up to; they were businessmen and women, fathers, mothers and everyday people like you and me.

I would bet everything I have, however, on the assumption that each of them had, at least once in their lives, put their hand over their hearts, faced a United States flag, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. They are heroes to the Republic for which that flag stands. We have remembered through this tragedy that regardless of whether you live in the heart of the nation or on either coast, we, the American

public, are one nation, under God, indivisible. We, as a nation, by choice, stand for liberty and justice for all.

Heroes are not those who practice to be the best at what they do. Those people are simply trying to be the best at what they like to do. If they are the best at putting a ball in a hole or hitting or catching a ball, that makes them excellent in their chosen sport. It doesn't make them a hero.

Heroes very seldom do the things that they want to do — heroes do the things that need to be done. Usually those things require that they put aside their own needs and wants and give of themselves for friends and loved ones or even perfect strangers who will never fully know the sacrifice that was made for them.

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LETTERS

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First."

Clem Jones
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to the Donald Kaul article of Sept. 1:

I have always found it interesting that when a liberal disagrees with a conservative policy they consider themselves as enlightened or morally superior or just smarter. The liberals never let the facts get in the way of their views, as is the case here.

When a conservative disagrees with a liberal policy, then the messenger is attacked, not the reasons for the disagreement. "These reasons are commonly called, facts, see first paragraph." You will notice in Kaul's article he attacked the following: Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly, Glen Beck, Sarah Palin, Newt Gingrich, Richard Nixon and Chuck Grassley; commonly called concerned American voters: all without ever mentioning where any of them were wrong, or even what they

have said about the issues.

What I find even more interesting is that Kaul had no answers, only complaints, and failed to mention that the Democratic Congress and White House — in total control of the government — is blaming the conservatives for all the problems and failures to pass the bill. The conservatives cannot stop it! So, where is the blame for the dissenting liberals? I didn't see any mention of their names. I guess that is professional courtesy. "Sharks don't eat sharks," or maybe they were overlooked, or it could just be a fact. In any case, the liberals are sticking to the game plan of blame someone else and Kaul sticks to it well.

Now for Kaul's comments on the end-of-life part of the health care.

I, too, have been down that road with a loved one. I found it extremely improper for the hospice people to constantly remind my mother with words, notes and cards that she was going to die soon. We all knew that and we were trying to make the best out of the time we had left without that fact, hanging over us.

I feel we should go the way we and God has decided for us to go. There is no dignity in death; there is only an end and a new beginning. Dignity is in

the way you spent your life, not the way you ended it and it is a time we will all face. So leave those decisions to the one it affects the most.

I also found the only money issue Kaul mentioned was the cost of keeping someone alive.

Since when did a liberal care about cost? I see the cost going up as more and more people will choose to use medical treatment if it is free!

In conclusion, I will try not to be like Kaul. I will have a plan. Health care can be fixed very simply, it's called personal responsibility. People need to pay their hospital bill. If everyone paid their bill, then those who have insurance wouldn't have to pay for the five people who don't.

Net average is one out of six pay their bill. If this happened, the cost of medical treatment could drop by 80 percent and so could the cost of insurance. Now all could afford it.

This would also fix the Medicare side, because hospitals wouldn't have to treat all the people who come through the emergency room just to make money to pay the bills. Now these are facts, and that may be why Kaul missed them.

Mike Hughes

Big Spring
TO THE EDITOR:

Prescription drugs combat disease and keep us healthier. Unfortunately, they also account for 10 percent of our national health care costs.

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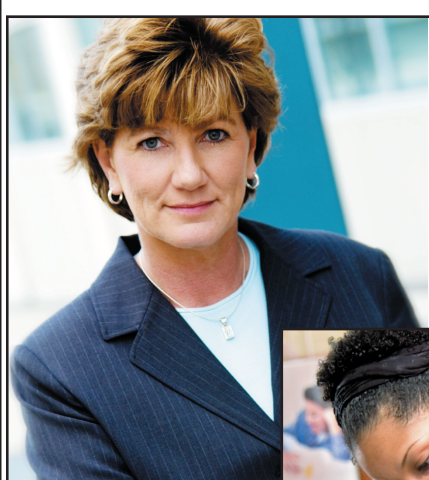
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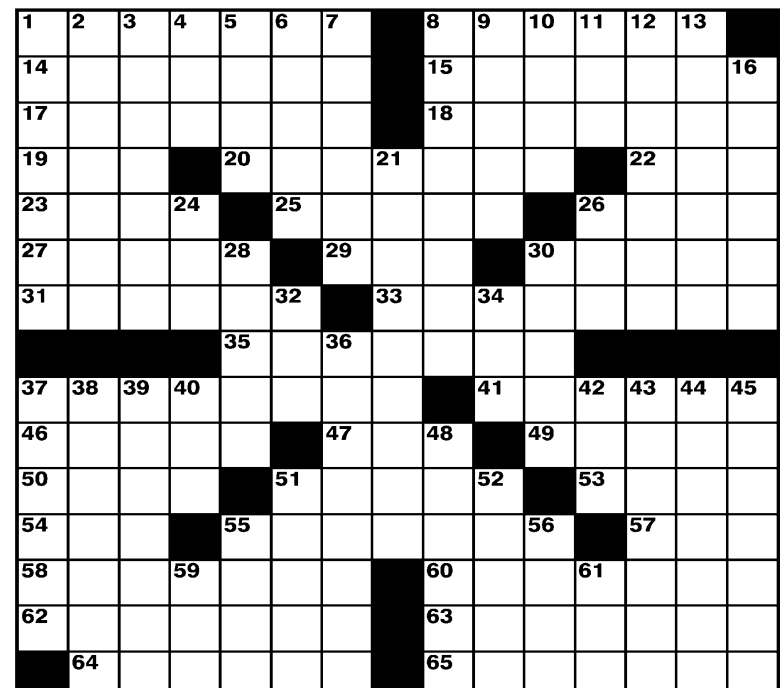
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30 Rear
31 Output of some coffeemakers
33 Like much eBay merchandise
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41 Yellow fruit
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47 Dance party
49 Retreats
50 Town
51 Rice, et al.
53 OR verb
54 Somme time
55 No longer around
57 "I hate it!"
58 Mariners' home

- 60 Fiesta fare
62 Obtains
63 Threads
64 Frustration exclamation
65 Word from the French for "clear the table"
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Dear Annie: My husband and I have known each other for eight years, been married for five. Yesterday he came home from a doctor's appointment and I was shocked to learn he has hepatitis C.

He says the doctor told him he got it by sharing a needle with someone back in his druggie days 20 years ago. The paperwork the doctor sent home (I read all 12 pages) says you get it through contact with infected blood, so you're not supposed to share needles, razors, toothbrushes or nail clippers. I never have done drugs, but I have borrowed his razors from time to time and nicked myself once or twice. We share nail clippers all the time.

I am coming up for major surgery, and we are both the same blood type. He understands he cannot donate for me. The doctor also told him he needs to lay off the hard liquor, but according to my husband, he is allowed to have beer.

The last time I was tested for hepatitis, it came back

negative, but this was before the razor and nail clippers. Should I be retested? I am truly terrified. -- Scared in Northridge, Calif.

Dear Northridge: Yes, you should be retested for your peace of mind before surgery. There is a good chance you are not infected, but it pays to be cautious. Inform your doctor immediately of your husband's condition. For more information, contact the American Liver Foundation (liverfoundation.org) at 75 Maiden Ln., Suite 603, New York, NY 10038.

Dear Annie: I have a close friend whom I adore. But every time she comes over, she expects me to visit. I have not been feeling well lately, so the last thing I want is to have prolonged conversations about nothing. Several times, she has walked in when I'm preparing dinner and I feel like I have to serve her. She never stays less than an hour, and it's starting to become a real nuisance.

We both work full time. How can I tell her I don't have



KATHY MITCHELL
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time to entertain her? I never go inside her house when I drop my child off to play, but it doesn't seem to cross her mind that after working a full day and coming home to two kids and a husband, I don't feel like chatting about her family for an hour. Ten minutes would be plenty. I love her to death and would never want to hurt her feelings. Please help. -- Bad Friend

Dear Friend: You fulfill your friend's need for a place where she can de-stress, but

it interferes with your ability to do the same. You have a built-in excuse right now. Escort her to the door after 10 minutes, saying you aren't feeling well enough to talk. Next time, try, "Sorry to rush you, but there's so much to do, I simply don't have time to chat." Make sure you call her later so her feelings aren't hurt, letting her know that "later" is a much better time for you to enjoy her company. You might periodically allow her to monopolize your time and vent because this is what good friends do, but don't be cowed into letting it happen too often.

Dear Annie: "Creeped Out" was concerned about her husband's nail biting and skin chewing. For years, my son used to do the same thing. Someone suggested taking calcium supplements, so he tried it. He no longer chews his fingers and actually has nails again. He's very proud of his accomplishment. -- Hopeful

Dear Hopeful: There is some anecdotal evidence to

suggest that a calcium deficiency could be the culprit in some instances. Interested readers should speak to their doctor.

Annie's Snippet for Grandparents Day (credit anthropologist Margaret Mead):

"The closest friends I have made all through life have been people who also grew up close to a loved and loving grandmother or grandfather."

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World's oldest person dies at 115 in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gertrude Baines, who lived to be the world's oldest person on a steady diet of crispy bacon, fried chicken and ice cream, died Friday at a nursing home. She was 115.

Baines, who remarked last year that she enjoyed life so much she wouldn't mind living another 100 years, died in her sleep, said Emma Camanag, administrator at Western Convalescent Hospital.

The centenarian likely suffered a heart attack, said her longtime physician, Dr. Charles Witt. An autopsy was

scheduled to determine the cause of death.

"I saw her two days ago, and she was just doing fine," Witt told The Associated Press. "She was in excellent shape. She was mentally alert. She smiled frequently."

Born in 1894 in Shellman, Ga., Baines claimed the title of the world's oldest living person when a 115-year-old woman, Maria de Jesus, died in Portugal in January.

"I'm glad I'm here. I don't care if I live a hundred more," Baines said in November after casting her vote for Barack

Obama in the presidential election. "I enjoy nothing but eating and sleeping."

The oldest person in the world is now Kama Chinen, 114, who lives in Japan, according to Dr. L. Stephen Coles of the Gerontology Research Group, which tracks claims of extreme old age. Chinen was born May 10, 1895, Coles said.

The oldest person who has ever lived is Jeanne Louise Calment, according to Coles. She was 122 when she died Aug. 4, 1997, in Arles, France.

Baines outlived her entire family, including

her only daughter, who died of typhoid.

Baines worked as a maid in Ohio State University dormitories until her retirement and has lived at the Western Convalescent Hospital in Los Angeles for more than 10 years.

"Living that long is like winning the genetic lottery," Robert Young, a scientist and senior consultant with Guinness World Records, said at her birthday party in

April.

Staff at Baines' nursing home described her as a modest woman who liked to watch the "Jerry Springer Show" and eat fried chicken, bacon and ice cream. She refused to use dentures.

Witt, Baines' physician, said that when he visited her earlier this week, she only complained that her bacon was soggy and arthritis was causing pain in her

right knee.

Baines celebrated her birthday at the nursing home April 6 with music, two cakes and a letter from Obama.

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Staff Sgt. Trent DeHoyos, right, and Sgt. Cody Hagel are pictured at the Convoy Security Center Cedar II during one of their missions.

Howard County soldiers are back from tour in Iraq

Trent DeHoyos and Cody Hagel have a lot in common, but perhaps no stronger bond than having served together in the Texas National Guard for seven years, including deployment to Iraq.

"We spent nine months in Iraq with C Battery 4-133rd Field Artillery Regiment of the Texas Army National Guard," said Trent, who is a 2003 graduate of Coahoma High School. Cody also graduated in 2003, but from Big Spring High School.

They returned to the states Aug. 18.

"We performed convoy security missions

all over Southern Iraq. I was assigned as a convoy commander and Sgt. Hagel was an assistant convoy commander," said Trent.

"During the deployment, I was promoted to staff sergeant and Hagel was promoted to sergeant.

"Both of us re-enlisted for six years together. This was our second overseas deployment."

Both young men were awarded the Army Commendation Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal, according to Trent, who has returned to Texas Tech University, where he was enrolled before deployment.

Knight honored with naming of A&M dorm

By DIANNA NEWTON
Special to the Herald

"Okay, how would A&M like to have a rainforest?"

That was Don Knight's first question to Dan Parker, then executive associate vice-president at Texas A&M University in College Station in the summer of 2005.

Knight, a Big Spring native, is Bill and the late Wanda Soltis' attorney.

Soltis, a 1955 former student of Texas A&M, and Curt Clemenson, an environmentalist and partner, had purchased a rainforest in Costa Rica and desired to gift the university a tract of 250 acres, most of which is primary pristine rain forest, or cloud forest, which is characterized by a high incidence of low-level cloud cover, usually at the canopy level.

This call ignited the flash of excitement that quickly spread to a broad based interest of Texas A&M in the colleges of Education, Engineering, Architecture, and all of the sciences.

Soltis' only requirements were that no trees would be cut and that Texas A&M give something back to Costa Rica. It was "a partnership made in heaven," Parker recalls. "That request perfectly fit Texas A&M's vision to always give back to the community."

Three years later, The

Soltis Center for Research and Education in San Isidro de Penas Blancas, Costa Rica, opened its doors.

According to Texas A&M University's Web site (<http://olap.tamu.edu/costarica/welcome.asp>), the center "provides international experiences to Aggies while protecting the unique ecological setting and creating awareness for reservation."

In June of this year, Don Knight and those who were instrumental in the acquisition and construction of the center were honored during dedication ceremonies.

The Soltis Center is a "part of the Office for Latin American Programs, a unit of the Texas A&M University International Programs



Courtesy photo

Don and Cindy Knight are pictured at "Knight Hall."

Office, and is the main tool for Texas A&M's engagement in Costa Rica," according to the university's Web site.

In honor of Knight's work to legally syn-

chronize the wishes of the Soltis family and Texas A&M University's goals, one of eight bungalows (as dormitories are referred to in Costa Rica) was named "Knight Hall".

"This thing is bigger than any of us realize," says Knight. "It's been magical. These deals usually take a decade. We did it from phone call to dedication and students on site in three years. Mindboggling!"



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I will review some of the city ordinance to see how familiar you are with them. Do you know the difference regarding wet garbage and dry garbage?



PAT SIMMONS

Wet garbage is animal or vegetable matter, such as waste material from the kitchens, grocery stores, butcher shops, restaurants, cafes and hotels, such as scraps of meat, bread, bones, peelings of fruit and vegetables.

Dry garbage is trash and rubbish, such as feathers, paper boxes, glass, ashes, cinders,

old clothes and shoes, broken dishes and utensils.

These definitions are found in Sec. 11-1 (A) & (B) of the City Ordinance.

Containers provided by the city for owners, occupants, tenants or any residence within the corporate limits of the city of Big Spring as a place of abode, and is required to keep and maintain at all times for disposal garbage containers in sufficient numbers to properly receive and hold all garbage being disposed of from the premises. See Sec.11-2.

Each person in the city having garbage to be disposed of is hereby required to place garbage in containers provided by the city. It is unlawful for any

person to place any garbage on the ground or in an open box or container to store the same in any receptacle other than containers meeting the requirements of this chapter. See Sec.11-3.

No rocks or dirt should be placed in the container. Sec. 11-4.

I repeat this all the time: Before placing dry trash in the dumpster, please bag it. I see people dumping their loose trash into the dumpster, and that only calls for more flying trash.

The most common violations are weedy lots, substandard structures, junk vehicles, illegal dumping, graffiti, parking vehicles in front yard and illegal posting of garage sale signs on telephone

poles.

Did you know that a resident may host a garage sale for a duration of two days and no more that twice per year? Garage sale signs, when properly displayed, must be removed within 24 hours after the end of the sale.

Get to know the law. If the owner and/or occupant fail to comply in a timely manner with a request to correct a violation, a municipal court citation may be issued and/or the violation corrected at the owner's expense. A lien may be filed to recover the city's cost of abatement.

Have a complaint? You can go by the Code Enforcement office at the Polly Mays Annex in person, or file a complaint by calling 432-263-2505 or writing a complaint.

How long should it take a code officer to investigate my complaint? Officers will try to perform an initial investigation within 48 hours. Health and safety issues take first priority.

You may want to stay anonymous. If so, the code officer will not be able to inform you of action taken. Code officers do not discuss the name of a complainant with a violator when a complaint is observed.

If we could get these most common violations taken care of we could say we are keeping Big Spring beautiful. Will you please help us make a difference in our city? We need each and every one doing their part.

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Hurricane season a dud — so far

MIAMI (AP) — It may be tempting the weather gods just to point this out, but this has been a dud of a hurricane season so far.

Only two hurricanes have formed in the Atlantic over the past three months, and neither hit the U.S. — a somewhat unusual lull.

"I'm glad that I didn't have to go out and get anything — yet," said Lissette Galiana, who was shopping at a Walmart in suburban Miami on Friday, around what is usually the very peak of the Atlantic hurricane season.

Forecasters attribute the calm to a weak El Nino, the periodic

warming of the central Pacific Ocean. It is producing strong upper-level winds out of the west that are shearing off the tops of thunderstorm clouds that can develop into hurricanes.

Of course, the season has nearly 2½ months to go, and forecasters and emergency planners are warning people not to let their guard down, noting that powerful hurricanes have hit in the fall, including Wilma, which cut an unusually large swath of damage across Florida in October 2005.

"It's less active, but there's still possibility of a hurricane strike," said Gerry Bell, a hurricane forecaster.



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Tough love isn't just for kids

It was another of those painful, but funny, stories that have become so familiar to me. I listened empathetically as a friend talked about being called by the nursing home staff when his sweet little mother almost decked another resident who had taken a swing at her. Fortunately, the incident ended with only minor injuries and phone calls to both families. Some dutiful staff person separated the two elderly scrapers, and there were no arrests, no suspensions, and no expulsions.



BONNIE
WHEAT

The blow-by-blow account reminded me of the fateful night when I became my mother's parent and she became my child. It started with a phone call from a nursing home as well.

"Bonnie, will you talk to your mother?" the voice on the other end of the phone asked. "We can't get her to calm down."

I did try to reason with my mother for several minutes, but when I hung up the phone, she was still convinced that someone was waiting outside her room to kidnap her and take her away. Eventually, Mother settled down and went to sleep that night, but I knew there would be other calls. In the years that followed, there were many incidents, some funny and some pitiful. I learned to look for humor when I could find it in each incidence that was reported to me. I laughed and cried with the nurses when they told me that my mother had called 911 to report a stolen wheelchair. They also suggested that

I have the private telephone that she had been allowed to keep in her room disconnected. I fought back tears and stifled giggles when I was told that Mother had knocked on the TV screen late one night and begged David Letterman to come out and help her. Somehow laughter became the pop-off valve that allowed me to vent when the stress of being responsible for a parent/child who no longer knew my name started boiling up inside me. I was horrified, however, when the woman who had always taught me to be nice to everyone threw a glass of water on her roommate. Apparently, Mother thought the woman was on fire, and she was just trying to put out the fire.

As I listened to my friend's story, I understood all too well the helplessness of trying to cope with age and dementia.

Like parents who sometimes have to take the tough-love stand of saying no to rebellious children, those of us who love our parents sometimes have to make tough-love decisions for them. Car keys have to be taken away.

Telephones have to be disconnected, and checking accounts sometimes have to be closed.

Whatever course of action tough love has to take, the Scripture gives clear instruction about how parents are to be treated: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you" (Exodus 20:12 NASB).

May God bless all the tough-love caregivers trapped in upside-down relationships with their parents, and God help my daughter when she becomes the mother and I become the child.

Guyana: Detention of Mormons handled clumsily

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Guyana's security ministry should have "better handled" the detention of about 40 Mormon missionaries who have been ordered to leave the country because their travel documents were out of date, President Bharrat Jagdeo said Friday.

Jagdeo told reporters he disagreed with the way the missionaries, mainly U.S. citizens, were briefly detained last week but said their work permits

were expired and immigration rules had to be enforced in the small nation on South America's north shoulder.

"I didn't think, frankly speaking, that we needed to round people up. It is not the image of Guyana that we want to portray, particularly where it concerns religious people. But the police have to enforce the immigration laws of our country," he said in the capital, Georgetown.

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